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GPO AND NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE SIGN PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

GPO and the National Library of Medicine (NLM) have signed a significant agreement that will assure permanent public access to key information published by NLM and disseminated as part of the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP).

The agreement, signed by Francis J. Buckley, Jr., Superintendent of Documents, GPO, and Donald C. Poppke, Associate Director for Administrative Management, NLM, outlines provisions for permanent access to *Index Medicus*, *Medical Subject Headings*, *The National Library of Medicine Current Catalog*, *The National Library of Medicine Audiovisuals Catalog*, and other titles in the FDLP. *Index Medicus (tm)* is replaced in the FDLP Electronic Collection by *PubMed(tm)*, NLM's search service that provides access to over 11 million citations in MEDLINE and other related databases, at <http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS4708>.

Access to the other titles is through NLM's "Locator Plus" application, at <http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS4582>.

Public Printer Michael F. DiMario noted the critical importance of NLM information holdings to millions of Americans and called the new agreement "yet another demonstration of GPO's continuing commitment to providing permanent electronic public access to vital Government information."

With roots dating to 1813, the FDLP makes U.S. Government information freely available to the public through its system of over 1,300 depository libraries located nationwide. In FY 1999, the program disseminated 16.1 million copies of more than 40,000 titles to depository libraries. The libraries are used by an estimated 9.5 million people annually, not including those using **GPO Access**, GPO's popular Internet information service, at www.access.gpo.gov.

The provision of permanent access to Government information has been a

mandated part of the FDLP for nearly half a century. As information dissemination has moved to a more electronic environment, GPO has sought innovative ways to ensure permanent public access for digital publications, including partnerships with a variety of academic and governmental entities.

In signing the agreement, NLM has acknowledged the FDLP as one of its dissemination partners and has agreed to keep the online publications available permanently. In the event of an unforeseen circumstance that would alter their ongoing availability, NLM will turn the electronic files over to GPO for continuing access.

A complete listing of the NLM printed publications covered by the agreement and their electronic replacements follows:

Printed Publication	Online Location
Index Medicus, 1960-1965, (bibliographic citations)	Internet Grateful Med OLDMEDLINE http://igm.nlm.nih.gov/ 1960-1965 - Is available through the OLDMEDLINE screen; 1958-59 expected to be added Summer 2000; NLM will continue to add earlier years.
Index Medicus, 1966 -	Internet Pub Med http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/PubMed/
National Library of Medicine Current Catalog (1966-1993)	NLM LOCATORplus http://www.nlm.nih.gov/locatorplus/locatorplus.html
NLM Catalog (1955-1965)	NLM LOCATORplus http://www.nlm.nih.gov/locatorplus/locatorplus.html
National Library of Medicine Audiovisuals Catalog (1978-1993)	NLM LOCATORplus http://www.nlm.nih.gov/locatorplus/locatorplus.html
National Library of Medicine AVLINE Catalog (1977)	NLM LOCATORplus http://www.nlm.nih.gov/locatorplus/locatorplus.html

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